

Hurt

Certificate of Mailing

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on February 11, 2004.

Joyce Maule

Name

Joyce Maule

4220-113.1 US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kim Hwanmook, et al.

Serial No.: 10/662,723

Group Art Unit: 1651

Filed:

September 15, 2003

Examiner: Irene Marx

Title: Novel Serratia Marcescens Strain, Prodigiosin and The Use of The Same As In

Immunosuppressive

Information Disclosure Statement

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office the following documents of which Applicant has been made aware. The documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. Copies of the documents are enclosed.

Applicant submits that this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted prior to the 1st office action.

It is requested that the references be considered by the Examiner and be made of record as part of the available prior art under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick H. Higgins, Reg. No. 39,709

Attorney for Applicant

MATHEWS, COLLINS, SHEPHERD & MCKAY 100 Thanet Circle, Suite 306

Princeton, NJ 08540

(609) 924-8555 - Telephone

(609) 924-3036 - Facsimile

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO Complete if Known INFORMATION DISCLOSURE 10/662,723 **Application Number** September 15, 2003 Filing Date Kim Hwanmook, et al. First Named Inventor FEB 1 3 20C4 Group Art Unit 1651 🎭 many sheets 🐔 hecessary) **Examiner Name** Irene Marx 4220-113.1 US Sheet Attorney Docket Number

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner	Cite No.1	Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevar Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
Initials *		Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY	Cited Document		
	1	US- 4,266,028	05/05/1981	Nakamura, et al.		
		US-				
_		US-				
		US-				
	Ī	US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁶ (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document		T ⁶
				,		

Examiner Signature	,	Date Considered	

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Fact of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number Substitute for form 1449A/F Complete if Known Application Number 10/662,723 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE Filing Date September 15, 2003 STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Kim Hwanmook, et al. First Named Inventor Group Art Unit 1651 (use as many sheets as necessary) **Examiner Name** Irene Marx Attorney Docket Number 4220-113.1 US 2 of Sheet

OTHER PRIOR ART NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials *	Cite No.1	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T²	
•	2	DOMINGO GARGALLO-VIOLA, Enzyme Polymorphism, Prodigiosin Production, and Plasmid Fingerprints in Clinical and Naturally Occurring Isolates of Serratia marcescens, Journal of Clinical Microbiology, May 1989, pages 860-868		
	3	N.R. THOMSON, et al., Biosynthesis of carbapenem antibiotic and prodigiosin pigment in Serratia is under quorum sensing control, Molecular Microbiology (2000) 36(3), pages 539-556		
	4	SANG BAE HAN, et al., T-cell specific immunosuppression by prodigiosin isolated from Serratia marcescens, International Journal of Immunopharmacology 20 (1998), pages 1-13		
-				

Examiner	Date	1
Signature	Considered	J

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

¹ Unique citation designation number (optional). 2 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.